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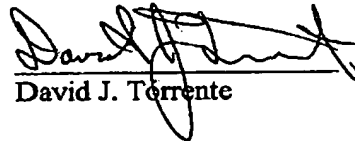
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed 16 September 2005 in the above-referenced application. Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed therein, Applicant provisionally elects, **with traverse**, the species described in Figure 2 for continued prosecution herein. Claims 1-3, 5-15, 25-26 and 29-31 currently read on the species of Fig. 2.

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